

**2014 ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE UTAH COMMISSIONERS FROM THE  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONERS  
ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS**

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To the Honorable Gary Herbert, Governor; Wayne L. Niederhauser, President of the Senate; and Rebecca D. Lockhart, Speaker of the House of Representatives: the Utah Commissioners on Uniform State Laws respectfully submit this annual report.

**I. History**

Since 1892, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws has produced proposed state laws for consideration by the state legislatures and proposed rules of procedure and evidence for consideration by the judiciary.

**II. Budget**

Utah commissioners do not receive compensation for the time they devote to the commission's efforts. This year (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) the total budget for the commission's national conference is \$2,681,900, of which Utah's share is \$33,600. Each state also pays the expenses of its commissioners to attend the annual meeting of the conference.

**III. State Impact**

Utah has benefitted from the uniform and model acts adopted by our Utah Legislature, which include the Uniform Commercial Code; Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; Uniform Durable Power of Attorney; and Uniform Probate Code.

The conference works as a cooperative venture of all the states. It functions well only when each state is committed to the uniform law movement.

Each state sends its Uniform Law Commissioners to the Annual Meeting of National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. During an intensive working session lasting eight days, the commissioners from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands review proposed uniform acts, debate the issues, tune the language, and, ultimately, make the decision to reject or promulgate each uniform act at the annual meeting. The proposed uniform acts then come to Utah for review and possible adoption.

**2014 ACTIVITIES OF THE  
UTAH COMMISSIONERS**

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Justice Michael J. Wilkins, Chair  
Ms. Lorie Fowlke  
Senator Lyle W. Hillyard  
Mr. Reed Martineau  
Representative V. Lowry Snow  
Ms. M. Gay Taylor-Jones  
Mr. Eric N. Weeks  
Ms. Rebecca L. Rockwell, Associate  
Commissioner  
Ms. Phalin L. Flowers, Commission  
Secretary

**UTAH COMMISSIONERS  
ATTENDING THE 2014 ANNUAL  
MEETING**

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#### **IV. Uniform Acts Approved by the Utah Legislature During the 2014 General Session**

The following uniform model acts were passed during the 2014 General Session:

- H.B. 265, "Probate Code Amendments," Rep. V. Lowry Snow
- H.J.R. 5, "Uniform Building Code Commission Review of Proposed Building Code Changes Joint Resolution," Rep. Jim Nielson
- S.B. 79, "Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act," Sen. Lyle Hillyard

#### **V. Uniform Acts Approved During 2014 Annual Meeting of the Uniform Law Commission**

The following proposed uniform model acts were passed at the annual meeting:

- 2014 Amendments to the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act
- The Uniform Recognition of Substitute Decision-making Documents Act
- Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act and the 2014 Amendments
- Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act

Copies of these Acts are available at [www.uniformlaws.org](http://www.uniformlaws.org).

#### **VI. 2015 Recommendations**

The Utah Commissioners recommend for enactment the following uniform acts in the 2015 Annual General Session:

- (to be determined during December meeting)

#### **VII. Drafting Committee and Study Group Assignments – Utah Commissioners**

The Utah Commissioners on Uniform State Laws are assigned to the following drafting committees and study groups:

##### Justice Michael J. Wilkins, Chair

- Veterans Court Act

##### Ms. Lorie Fowlke

- Enforcement of Child Custody and Child Support Orders
- Family Law Arbitration Act
- Harmonization of the Law of Caribbean Nations and the US Concerning Child Custody and Child Support Orders
- Wage Garnishment

##### Senator Lyle W. Hillyard

- Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act
- Revise the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act

##### Mr. Reed Martineau

- Residential Landlord and Tenant Act
- Unsworn Domestic Declarations

##### Representative V. Lowry Snow

- Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act

##### Ms. M. Gay Taylor-Jones

- Model Commercial Real Estate Receiverships Act
- Subcommittee on State Regulation of Driverless Cars

Mr. Eric N. Weeks

- Non-parental Rights to Child Custody and Visitation
- Recognition and Enforcement of Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Orders

Ms. Rebecca L. Rockwell, Associate Commissioner

- Uniform Athlete Agents Act

### **VIII. Number of Uniform and Model Acts Enacted in Each State**

Alabama – 102	Nebraska – 111
Alaska – 101	Nevada – 142
Arizona – 111	New Hampshire – 93
Arkansas – 115	New Jersey – 89
California – 100	New Mexico – 146
Colorado – 123	New York – 72
Connecticut – 104	North Carolina – 96
Delaware – 99	North Dakota – 165
District of Columbia – 106	Ohio – 83
Florida – 86	Oklahoma – 133
Georgia – 72	Oregon – 118
Hawaii – 136	Pennsylvania – 108
Idaho – 127	Puerto Rico – 29
Illinois – 110	Rhode Island – 98
Indiana – 98	South Carolina – 81
Iowa – 100	South Dakota – 127
Kansas – 113	Tennessee – 100
Kentucky – 94	Texas – 90
Louisiana – 85	US Virgin Islands – 79
Maine – 103	Utah – 132
Maryland – 116	Vermont – 91
Massachusetts – 91	Virginia – 107
Michigan – 115	Washington – 126
Minnesota – 136	West Virginia – 98
Mississippi – 85	Wisconsin – 136
Missouri – 80	Wyoming – 96
Montana – 146	

### **IX. Conclusion**

The Utah Commissioners solicit your support in funding the work of the commission and National Conference, which is made through an appropriation to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel. The Utah Commissioners also ask for your assistance in the enactment of their proposed uniform and model acts in future general sessions.